Colored Dots

A large crowd attended the final baby contest sponsored by the Willing Workers Club of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at Hixburg last Sunday at 3 P. M. The Reverend R. Q. Lawing delivered a special sermon. The church choir rendered special music. The following amounts were reported by the mothers of the following babies: Shirley Ann Walker, $26.00; Robert Thonten, $25.25; Ernestine Saunders, $23.25; and Lavern Washington, $22.37. With the general offering, a total of $112.00 was reported. The program was given for the benefit of remodeling the church.

A large crowd attended the special service sponsored by the Men's Club of the Canaan Baptist Church last Sunday at 8 P. M. The young Mr. Charlie Franklin was the guest speaker. The church choir rendered special music. A very good offering was lifted.

The following ladies from Appomattox attended the Wednesday session of the Family Farm Week at Virginia State College last Wednesday: Mrs. R. Q. Lawing, Mrs. Virginia Watson, Mrs. Maggie Tibbs, and Mrs. Mary Marshall. They all reported an interesting meeting. R. Q. Lawing accompanied the group.

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon on the subject: The "New versus theOld." All present enjoyed the message.

The annual revival will begin at the Jordan Baptist Church this Sunday at the 11:30 A. M. service. The Rev. R. A. Edwards will be the guest speaker for the week. Dinner will be served Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend.

All-day services will be held at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church on the fifth Sunday in this month, beginning at 11:30 A. M. The Rev. E. Fountain, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church and his choir, of Washington, D. C., will be the special guest. The public is cordially invited to attend the special service. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church.

The annual revival and homecoming will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church the first Sunday in August, beginning at 11:30. The pastor of the church will deliver the morning sermon and the Rev. E. E. Palmer and his choir from the Wingfield Baptist Church will be the special guests for the evening service. The Rev. L. F. Griffin, of Farmville, Va., will be the guest minister for the week.

Mrs. Emma Nowlin is spending her vacation in Philadelphia with her daughter.

Mr. Peter McCoy, of Charlottesville, Va., is spending some time here as the guest of his mother and brother and sister.

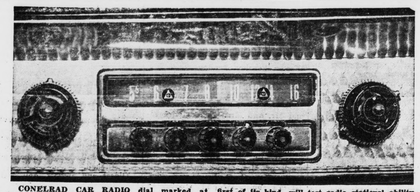
The public is invited to attend the regular preaching service at the First Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11:30.

Mrs. Irene Wright, who has been sick, is improving nicely at her home here.

Mrs. Theda Harris attended the funeral of her cousin in Hot Spring, Virginia last Sunday.

FALLING TREE KILLS 7

Sutton, Ont.- A giant elm, toppled by a violent storm, killed seven members of a picnicking family. The tree, 70 feet high and weighing 30 tons, fell on a car being driven homeward by Ainsley Joseph Glozier, 29. In the car with him were his wife, their two sons, Mrs. Glozier's parents, and their son, all of whom lived in Toronto. The car was crushed into wreckage only a foot high.



CONELRAD CAR RADIO dial marked at 640 and 1240 kilocycles for any emergency will come in handy when all radio stations go off the air at 2:10 p.m. on July 29, and then some return to broadcast special civil defense material on these frequencies as part of Operation Alert, 1956. The 15-minute nationwide Conelrad test, first of its kind, will test radio stations' ability to switch to the Conelrad system of broadcasting in an actual attack so that emergency instructions could be radioed to the public without guiding enemy bombers to their targets. Civil defense authorities are hoping the public will mark their radios for future emergencies. (FCDA Photo)

THE COMMON GLORY HAS STOOD THE TEST

By Will Molineux

Williamsburg, Va.- A positive test of a good theatrical production is its durability, and "The Common Glory," now in its 10th summer-long season at the Matoaka Lake Amphitheatre in Williamsburg, steadily continues to increase in popularity.

The symphonic drama, written by Pulitzer prize - winner, Paul Green, expresses through superb acting, graceful dancing, and delightful music the hopes, struggles and the final success of the colonial patriot cause. The outdoor production is a compeltely entertaining summertime history lesson of the founding of America as a nation of free people.

David Weston, a hard - working actor from Staunton, Va., admirably carries the taxing role of Thomas Jefferson. He inspiringly portrays the author of the Declaration of Independence with confidence, an intent of purpose and a sincere respect for the part.

During the winter months, Weston, a 23-year-old student at William and Mary, frequently rehearsed alone on the huge stage of the amphitheatre to better his acting and speaking abilities. His persevering practice has produced perfection.

The role of narrator, an integral part of the production, is held by Gray Bromleigh for the third consecutive year. Bromleigh introduces each of the 16 scenes with clarity, force and understanding.

On the humorous side, Michael Hanft plays the comic Cephalus Sicklemore for the second straight year. His interpretation of the antics of the colonial "ne'er-do-well" are not only delightful, but lovable.

Playing opposite Cephus is the Widow Huzzitt, a role held by Mrs. Anne Irons for the past six years. Her keen sense of humor has given a polished series of laughter-provoking "business."

The important juvenile romantic leads of Eileen Gordon and Hugh Taylor are played by two fine newcomers to "The Commy Glory" cast. Ida Jeanne Thompson and Michael Norell complement each other in their performance as their love grows over the difficulties of opposing political views.

James Moffat is a stirring Patrick Henry; his presentation of the much-acclaimed "liberty - or-death" speech is delivered with depth and suspenseful timing.

Anna Hurt is a sympathetic Mrs. Jefferson; Morris Law, a witty Benjamin Franklin, and James Bray, a domineering Robert Gordon, the Tory leader.

Graceful dances - ranging from ballet to modern minuets are included in the story, and do not merely supplement it. A delightful pas de deux by Sally-Jean Holroyd and Robert Qunital has been introduced for the first time this season.

The 16-piece "little symphony" orchestra, under the batan of Jackson B. Wiley, a New York conductor, plays 18th century music accompanying the dancing. The size and make-up of the orchestra is patterned after those of the colonial times when such music groups were much smaller than those of today.

As in the previous nine years, the 30-voice choir, under the direction of Dr. Carl A. Fehr, is a superior singing group. Drilled to perfection, the choir sings with an expression of ease, and with unity of tone and understandable diction.

The lighting — which gives so much to the setting of the mood for the various scenes — has been again masterfully worked out by Roger Sherman. The truly effective lighting system gives the audience a feeling of participation in the drama, especially in the well-known battle of Yorktown scene.

In all, the 1956 edition of "The Common Glory," directed by Howard Scammon, is not only a wonderful show, but a thrilling theatrical experience. It is a little wonder that the beautifully staged symphonic drama has played more than 500 performances in the last decade to over 750,000 people. "The Common Glory" has become truly an American institution.

Subscription rare: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

NEWS from HOLLYWOOD

Clark Gable is busy making his first independent movie — "The King and Four Queens." It is being filmed in Utah, just outside the little Mormon town of St. George, which has a population of 5,000.

Ginger Rogers and Michael Rennie will play mamma and papa in "Our Teen-Age Daughter." Lili Gentle, under contract at 20th, may be cast as their daughter.

When "Royal Affairs of Versailles" was made by Sacha Guitry, in France, all of the cast including Orson Wells, Claudette Colbert, Jean Pierre Aumont and Gerard Phillipe, all of whom speak perfect English, had to have their voices dubbed in in French. When the film was released for American distribution, English subtitles were added instead — not by the stars—other actors were hired to dub in the English words.

Did you ever wonder why so few actresses wear hats in a movie? It's because hats date a movie and thus almost prevent its re-issue. As a matter of fact, the style of women's hats change so quickly that, before a picture can be completed, a hat worn in early sequences can be out of style.

Kay Thompson has announced that she is following her "Eloise" best-seller with "Eloise in Hollywood." The fictional young miss, who lives at the Plaza in New York, is so popular the hotel had to two special operators to handle calls that came in for the girl.

The 16-year-old lad in Broadway's "Roomful of Roses," Darren Berlinger, is to be brought to the coast by Twentieth to the same role for the picture of ger Rogers and Michael have the leads in the film.

Jan Sterling, who is fed up playing bums, has been given lead in "Deborah," in which plays a school-teacher where teaching methods are criticized the school board but upheld by parents of her pupils.

Maureen O'Hara will have role of a schoolteacher in becomes Tim Hovey's romance "World of Little Willie" at Universal-International.

Teen-agers will be delighted hear that a film starring Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher "Irl of Joy," will soon be produced. Merkel and Adolphe Menjou are so scheduled to appear in the film.

WELL, WELL—

Carson City, Nev.- Six northern Nevada gambling have been cited for "cheating cards." They all deny it, but violation of state charges means pension or revocation of license.

A female housefly may deposit up to 2,500 eggs during a period of two to four weeks. And if conditions are right, the eggs hatch and the new generation adult stages in as little as days.

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- BUSINESS FORMS
- PROGRAMS
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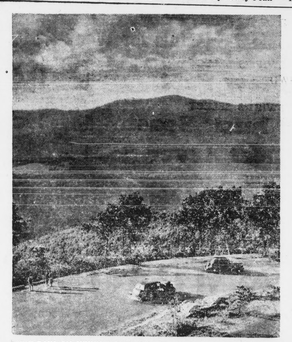

EARLY DAYS ON SKYLINE DRIVE—This old photograph from the files of the Virginia State Depoitment of Conservation and Development shows a packing overlook in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park before stone walls were built along the edge of Skyline Drive. Although the automobiles in this picture and the costumes of the tourists are out of date, the scenic splendor of the Blue Ridge Mountains is unchanged today.

A Growing Newspaper In A Growing Town

TIMES-VIRGINIAN

A LIVE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT HISTORIC APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE VIRGINIA

Historic Appomattox Gave Unity and Peace to America

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

Coming up U. S. 170 from North Carolina, you enter Virginia about 1 mile South Southeast as it is possible to go and still be in the Old Dominion. And barely across the Virginia state line, and right on this more Southeast corner, there is a store and a U. S. Post Office. And what do you suppose is the name of the post office? It is "Northwest," I gathered that the name came from a little river there by that name, but it surely is an oddity in geography and nomenclature.

Always when we are in Eastern North Carolina, we stop at the start of our return trip and try to find some figs at some roadside fruit and vegetable stand. Such stands abound in that part of the state, but week-end they told us that this year was not a year for figs. None were available. Instead we loaded up with some nice cantaloupes, fresh peaches, peaches, etc.

The qualities of an outstanding salesman are often so marked that you need to be told that he is lacking of prominence. You can just feel it. Sitting in a resort hotel lobby last Saturday, we were charmed by the personality and erudition of an elderly man, who was discoursing on a variety of subjects to a group of men. I had no idea who he was, but I sat for an hour thrilled to be listening in on his remarks. When he finally left the lobby, I could not resist seeking out the hotel manager and inquiring the name of the said gentleman. Surely enough, he was an man of great distinction, having served for years as the head of one of the most important executive departments of the U. S. Government. Now retired, his name is a familiar one to vast numbers of people.

Later, in the same lobby, a young man came out of the elevator, rushed to the editor, and brought in a short story he had written. Wanted my opinion as to its value.

The Appomattox should be proud of the fact that our own Watkins M. Abbitt will be the keynote speaker at the State Democratic Convention tomorrow in Richmond. Mr. Abbitt will spend tonight at the Executive Mansion in Richmond. Some people think that Watkins of these days may spend a lot of time there as the Governor of Virginia.

We do hope you will turn to the short story in today's issue about our near friend, H. Frederick Jones.

We stayed at a very, very friendly hotel last week-end at Nags Head. We almost pleased me no end. A lady in the lobby asked me where I gave my stock answer and tell me where I live. I live in the town where the Civil War ended. "What's the name of it?" Right the young life guard of the hotel who chanced to be in the lobby, "Appomattox Court House, Va."

DEATHS

Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Martin

Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Martin died at her home in Roanoke Wednesday, July 18, after an extended illness. She was born in Appomattox County November 5, 1869. She was the daughter of Presley R. and Mary E. Wooldridge.

She is survived by one son and one daughter, George P. Martin and Mrs. Audrey Martin, of oRanoke. Also two grand-daughters, Mrs. Joan Everingham and Mrs. ElizaBoth Martin of Roanoke; one great grandsister, Deborah Everingham, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Liberty Baptist Church Friday, by Carl A. Collins. Interment in Liberty Cemetery. Pallbearers were her nephews.

Mrs. Martin was an aunt of Mrs. Ora Martin, of this place.

WILLEY F. FERGUSON

Willey Franklin Ferguson, 63, employee of Craddock-Terry Shoe Corp., where he had worked more than 30 years, died at 12:10 o'clock Monday in Lynchburg General Hospital, after a long illness. He lived in Appomattox on January 19, 1893, he was the son of the late Henry Wilson and Norah Green Ferguson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 4 P. M. in Lynchburg. Interment in Port Hill Memorial Park.

Appomattox Leader To Be Party Keynoter

Fast Rescue Saves Life of Local Worker

Edd Lee Thomas, a retired railroad worker, was acclaimed here this week for a quick life saving deed.

Thomas went down into a 40 foot well and brought up a workman who had fainted away and lay unconscious and in peril of death.

The rescued man was Paul Bowers, about 31, of Appomattox.

The incident took place Tuesday at about 5:00 P. M. at the farm of H. C. Pulliam, just north of Appomattox. A well, about 40 feet deep, on the Pulliam property was about ready to be put into use and needed a clean-up job at the bottom. Two men lowered Bowers into the well on a bucket by means of a windlass rope. Bowers cleaned out the bottom of the well, which had about a foot of water. He conversed with Mr. Pulliam and the men on the surface, reporting the condition of the bottom. Suddenly there was silence below, and Mr. Pulliam realized that Bowers was unconscious.

From that instant, a chain of good fortune unfolded. Pulliam had his wife put out an alarm for help. She called the Appomattox Fire Company, a local doctor, the State Police. Mr. Pulliam hurried to nearby Guill's Esso Service Stateion (No. 2) and inquired if there was a volunteer to go down into the well. It was then that Mr. Thomas entered the picture. Without hesitation, he offered his services. About 55, he lives near Vera, on Route 3, Appomattox. Pulliam rushed him to the well, and Thomas was lowered to the bottom of the well. He attached a bridge hitch rope around the unconscious Bowers, and guided the hoisting of the fainted man to the surface.

The elapsed time was only ten minutes. Bystanders said it was the "longest ten minutes" they ever experienced.

A local doctor went to work on the rescued man, and it was a considerable time before he was fully restored to normalcy. It was the opinion of one and all that he would not have lived but for the prompt rescue effort of Thomas, and for the haste with which Mr. Pulliam secured help.

Fire Damages Home on Rt. 4

Fire did considerable damage at the home of J. O. and J. C. Davidson on Route 4, Appomattox, yesterday morning. The Appomattox Volunteer Fire Company answered an alarm about 9 A. M. The fire is thought to have started in an utility room on the first floor of the residence, perhaps from defective wiring in an appliance. Considerable damage was done to an electric refrigerator, washing machine, milk cooler, etc., and to the walls and ceilings. Prompt efforts by the family had brought the fire under control as the local firemen arrived, and they prevented any likelihood of any further damage.

Completes Basic Training

. . . Pvt. William C. Ranson

Pvt. William C. Ranson, who recently completed his basic training at Parris Island, S. C., is now stationed at Camp LeJeune, N. C. He recently spent a ten day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie S. Ranson, at Hotel Appomattox.

Class of '31 to Hold Reunion

The Class of 1931, of the Appomattox High School, will have its first reunion, in the form of a picnic on Sunday, July 29, at 2:00 P. M., at the Surrender Grounds at the Old Appomattox Court House. Each member is to bring his or her family and guests and food for the guests in his or her own party. Soft drinks will be furnished. No formal program has been planned. The time will be spent in enjoying food, fellowship, and fun.

—The Picnic Committee.

Paulette Leaves Sept. 1st For Middlesex Bank

Gene Paulette, popular assistant cashier of the Farmers National Bank here, will leave the local bank September 1, to become executive vice-president and cashier of the Bank of Middlesex, at Urbanna, Va.

The Bank of Middlesex is the only bank in Middlesex County, and has total resources of over four million dollars. It has a branch at Saluda, Va.

Mr. Paulette came to the Farmers National Bank here December 1, 1947. He served a tour of duty in the U. S. Army, January, 1952, through September, 1953, serving in Korea. He was made assistant cashier at the bank October 1, 1953.

He will continue his position at Farmers National through August.

Local 4-H'ers Will Attend Holliday Camp

Boys and girls enrolled in 4-H Clubs this past year will have an opportunity to attend Holliday Lake 4-H Camp next week, July 30-August 4, Appomattox County will hold camp jointly with Amherst, Fluvanna and Prince Edward Counties. Campers are asked not to arrive before mid-afternoon if possible. Any members desiring transportation, please meet at the county agent's office by 1:00 P. M.

The 4-H members enrolled from this county are: Joe LeGrand, Winfred Nash, Luther Lewis, Bill Allen Burke, Harry E. Ranson, James Whitehead, Irby King, Dickie Morris, Marvin Caldwell, Gerald Leffers, Howlette Hunter, Phillip Locado, Ty Mabley, Kelly O'Brien, Sammy Inge, Kenneth Lovell, Tom Evans, Jimmy Torrence, Larry Torrence, Donald Gurney, Royal Wells, Butch Martin, Teddy Moore, William Ayers, James Phelps, Sammy Pheips, Eddie Covington, Butch Bryant, T. C. Torrence, John J. Gilette Jr., and Herbie Pulliam.

Also: Nancy Jo Kidd, Sarah Wayne, Juanita Watson, Nancy Lewis, Peggy Lewis, Carolyn Carter, Kitty Lou O'Brien, Linda Cheatham, Virginia Caldwell, Jean Brown, Carol Ann Webb, Penny Abbitt, Carol Fay Couch, Catherine Richardson, Linda Rush, Carey Ann Carson, Louella Martin, Carolyn Coleman, Nancy Chandler, Patsy Jamerson, Marlene Barger, Eloise Rosser, Jane Nash, Estelle Covington, Carolyn Keyes, Barbara Gaines, Jane Stanley, Phyllis Jane Mayberry, Doris Marie Mayberry, Joyce Edmonds, Jane Wilson, Myrtle Christian, Eleanor Ranson.

NASH REUNION

The family of the late Allen Cecil and Ella Cheatham Nash will hold a reunion on Sunday, August 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Nash. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. Picnic lunch will be served. (21)

County Welfare Board Is Reorganized

A reorganization of the Appomattox County Board of Public Welfare was made Tuesday, at the regular July meeting of that body. L. J. Morris was named as acting chairman of the board, and Richard M. Webb was named a member of the three-member group.

After having served since 1938, when the board was first organized, F. A. O'Brien retired, as of July 1. Mr. Webb was named to fill this vacancy.

Mr. O'Brien had served as chairman of the board through the years, and had rendered valuable service in its activities. Under state law, a member of the County Board of Supervisors must be a member of the Board of Public Welfare. Mr. O'Brien served in this capacity. He did not offer for another term as a supervisor last year, and retired as a member of that board January 1. Mr. Webb succeeded him as supervisor.

Softball League

League Standing

Team	Won	Lost
Oakville	12	5
Esso	10	6
Appomattox Garment Co.	10	7
Transco	9	7
Concord	6	11
Pamplin	2	15

Results of Games

Thursday, July 19: Oakville 6, Concord 5; Garment Company 7, Transco 3.

Friday, July 20: Concord 10, Pamplin 6.

Tuesday, July 24: Concord 10, Garment Co. 4; Oakville 20, Pamplin 8.

The Schedule

July 26: Transco vs Concord at 7 P. M.; Esso vs Pamplin at 8:30.

July 27: Garment Co. vs Oakville at 7; Pahplin vs Transco at 8:30.

July 31: Esso vs Concord at 7; Garment Co. vs Transco at 8:30.

MORRIS REUNION

Friends and relatives of the late C. H. and Addie Ferguson Morris are invited to attend a reunion on Sunday, August 5, at the American Legion Building grounds here. Old acquaintances will be renewed. Picnic baskets should be brought. (21)

Progress on East Falling River Watershed Project Reported

The Project Forester for the East Falling River Watershed has released the following record of forestry accomplishments for the first three year period that the program has been underway.

The Forester to date has examined 102 separate ownership tracts or a total of 12,967 acres of timberlands. Management plans have been made for each tract and the plans presented to the landowners. The Management plan contains a description of the woodlands, its age, the growth factors, species, and the estimated acreage. A type sketch map of the entire land area is furnished. The recommendations of the Forester are included on how to best handle the existing timber stands. Plans for future timber crops are included. Many landowners have already started carrying out some of the plans as set forth.

The major accomplishment has been in the planting of pine seedlings on abandoned denuded and gullied fields and on understocked or cut over timberlands. A total of 274,000 seedlings were planted by the Forester on eroded lands. But private landowners during this same period themselves planted a total of 936,570 pine seedlings. This means that 1,200,570 seedlings have been planted thus far. It is expected that once the program is fully accepted by the landowners that this figure can be greatly surpassed.

About two and one-half miles of fences have been constructed to keep cattle out of the planted sites. The grazing of cattle in woodland areas is still a very common practice among the farmers today. It is very evident that cattle destroy much of the valuable reproduction trying to grow. It is not in the best interest of the owner or his woodlands to allow such a practice to continue.

The landowners have been most cooperative in forest fire prevention. Only three fires have been reported with a total burned area of about one acre. This is the result of the local residents promptly reporting such fires and making every effort themselves to put out the blaze.

It is the sincere hope of the Project Forester that many more landowners will realize the value of managing their timber as a crop just as they do their wheat, corn, and tobacco. The sale of timber products under a system of regulated cuts can greatly increase the available growing supply to meet the increasing demands of industry, and at the same time provide a periodic cash return to supplement their regular income.

DEMOCRATIC KEYNOTER

. . . . Watkins M. Abbitt

Planning To Attend Democratic Convention

Among those from Appomattox planning to attend the State Democratic Convention tomorrow in Richmond are: Senator Chas. T. Moses, Mrs. F. C. Dresser, Rep. and Mrs. W. M. Abbitt, Mr. and Mrs. David T. Robertson, Mrs. Roy Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Anderson, J. A. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Abbitt Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Garland Pulnkett, P. B. Stratton, Jack Martin, C. Roland Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson.

Lions Club Host To District Gov. Tonight

Gwilym A. Evans, Governor of District 24-B, Lions International, will be the principal speaker at the Appomattox Lions Club this evening. Lions Evans, a successful Petersburg attorney, was named District Governor during the State Lions Club Convention in Richmond in May. The local club is among the first to which he is making an official visit following his election.

R. A. Sears, chairman of the program committee, urges all members of the club to be present for the meeting. "It is an honor to have the District Governor on our program. We hope every member will take advantage of the opportunity of meeting him," he said. Meeting time is 6:45 P. M.

When Virginia Democrats meet tomorrow in Richmond, Appomattox Representative Watkins M. Abbitt will be the party keynote speaker. Abbitt, Fourth District Congressman, will preside at the opening session as temporary chairman, and at about 12:30 P. M. will deliver the traditional party keynote address.

Appomattox County has 8 votes at the convention, and a number of party stalwarts from here are expetced to attend the session.

Abbitt was contacted last night by The Times-Virginian, and from Washington, D. C. told our reporter that he would proclaim to the delegates tomorrow that "There is no hope for the South in the Republican Party."

The local leader said that Virginia would, of course want a look at the national party platform and nominee, but that the Democratic Party was the traditional party of the South and would be that again this presidential election year.

"They didn't out-vote us in 1952. They out-proimsed us!" Abbitt will tell Virginia Democrats tomorrow.

He will call the Eisenhower Administration an "Administration of broken promises."

Friday's party gathering will be held at the Mosque in Richmond, where the spacious auditorium seats some 5,000 people.

The honor of being the party keynoter is such that friends of Mr. Abbitt are delighted that he was accorded such a distinction. In recent years he has moved up rapidly in the inner councils of the Democratic Party, both in Virginia and in Washington. This latest honor is evidence that he is now recognized as the sound leader of a dominant segment of Virginia citizens, and spokesman for majority viewpoints.

Mr. Abbitt was asked yesterday by The Times-Virginian if he planned to attend the National Convention of the Party in Chicago next month. He replied that his name may be on the list of Virginia delegates at large, but that he had not decided whether to attend or permit his alternate to represent him.

It was considered likely that Virginia will send an uninstructed delegation to the national convention. There appears to be willingness in the prospective delegation to accept the nomination of Adlai Stevenson, but there was a solid body of sentiment for some party recognition of former Governor John S. Battle in a "favorite son" role.

VA. TRAFFIC DEATHS ABOUT EVEN WITH '55

Richmond, Va.- Virginia's 1956 traffic deaths ran a neck-and-neck race with those of 1955 as the first six months of the year ended with the scores 336 and 381 respectively, Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Chairman of the Governer's Highway Safety Committee, announced today.

In noting traffic volumes for the year were up more than 4 per cent, Colonel Woodson warned that the second six months of the year invariably see far more deaths than the first with October, November, and December the most dangerous.

Non-collision crashes, involving no contact with a second vehicle, numbered 137 each for the two six-month periods, but those of 1956 killed 158 people to 1955's 154.

Continuing the close analogy, Colonel Woodson reported 39 multiple-death crashes which killed a total of 96 people the first half of this year, while 38 the same period of last year killed 110 people.

Pedestrian deaths dropped from 69 to 64 and it was pointed out that if this trend continues until the end of the year, Virginia will have seen the third consecutive year in which the lowest pedestrian toll ever recorded was accomplished.

In discussing the multiple-fatal crashes, or those killing more than one person each, Colonel Woodson stated that the numbers killed in these are matters of luck as to how many happen to be occupying the vehicle at the time, since this does not directly affect driver action. However, he felt the continuing high percentage of single vehicle crashes gives cause for alarm. "They point directly to excessive speed, drinking, gross inattention, and, we believe, in a good many cases to dozing drivers.

"People should realize that an automobile, although designed for pleasure, commerce and convenience can be a deadly agency and one which brooks no mishandling in modern traffic," he concluded.